commanded the fellow to open the window on his right hand, which he readily did

While the King was in this dangerous state, none of his train knowing where he was, one of the Earl of Cowry's servants comes hastily in, assuring his master that the King was horsed and away, which the Earl reporting, the noblemen and the rest of his Majesty's train rushed all together to the gate in great haste, and some of them enquiring when his Majesty went forth, the Porter affirmed that the King was not yet gone forth Whereupon the Earl looked very angrily upon him and said lie *as but a liar, and leaving the noblemen in confusion, he ran back through the close and up the stairs The noblemen mean- while all calling for their horses passed under the window of that study wherem the King was By this Mr Alexander had speedily returned to the King, and in desperate manner" said he could not mend it, his Majesty behoved to die, and with that would have bound his hands with a garter. But the King suddenly wresting his hands away closed with him, and so wrestling with him, with Mr Alexander's hand about his throat and some of his fingers in his mouth to have prevented inm from crying out, drew him to the open window and cried out that he was being murdered, when his voice was instantly heard and known by the Duke of Lennox and the Earl of Mar, who even at this moment were beneath the window. They therefore all rushed in to the gate together

In the meantime the King with struggling and wrestling had brought Mr Alexander perforce through the open door of the study, having by now Mr Alexander's head under his arm and "himself on his knees

Sir John Ramsay, not knowing what way first to enter after he had heard the King's cry, by chance had f oinid the turnpike door open and following it up entered into the chamber where the King and Mr. Alexander were still struggling together He struck Mr Alexander twice or thrice with his dagger, and took him by the shoulders and shot him down the stair, where he was met by Sir Thomas Erskine and Sir Hugh Herries and another, who there upon the stair ended him Then they entered the chamber where the King was, but before they could get the door shut the Earl of Gowry was upon them with seven